

**Safe Communities Program**  
**Department of Community and Economic Development**  
**Program 11**

**I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Payments are provided to municipalities for any public purpose for which the municipality is legally authorized to expend funds.

**II. PROGRAM PROCEDURES**

Funds are disbursed annually on July 31. A municipality may not receive payment until it submits to the Department a resolution approved by the governing body of the municipality that requests the money.

**III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUGGESTED AUDIT PROCEDURES**

**A. TYPES OF SERVICES ALLOWED OR UNALLOWED**

Compliance Requirement

The municipality must expend funds for services listed in priority order under AS 29.60.350(c).

Suggested Audit Procedure

- Test financial and related records and determine the purpose for which the funds were expended.

**B. ELIGIBILITY**

The auditor is not expected to test for recipient eligibility.

**C. MATCHING, LEVEL OF EFFORT, AND/OR EARMARKING REQUIREMENTS**

There are no matching, level of effort, or earmarking requirements.

**D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

There are no reporting requirements.

**E. SPECIAL TESTS AND PROVISIONS**

Compliance Requirement

Those municipalities which levy and collect a property tax are required to provide notice to taxpayers, pursuant to AS 29.45.020, showing a) the amount of safe communities funding received from the State and, b) the equivalent mill

rate needed to raise that amount in the municipality. If a borough levies and collects only a sales and use tax it must provide notice to taxpayers, pursuant to AS 29.45.660, showing a) the amount of safe communities funding received from the State and b) the equivalent sales tax rate needed to raise that amount in the municipality.

Suggested Audit Procedure

- Review appropriate records to determine whether required notice to taxpayers was provided in accordance with AS 29.45.020 and 29.45.660.

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